

Brief Notes from the Grandin Avenue Traffic Management Community Meeting of 2/22/07

Discussion

- Question whether cut-through traffic is due to residents who live on or near Grandin Ave., or if cut-through traffic is from other sources. Sergeant Rawlins stated that it is probably a 1:10 ratio for those who are ticketed (i.e., only 1 in 10 ticketed along Grandin Ave. live on or near Grandin Ave.). He also stated that Zone 2 is where the greatest number of tickets are given.
- There was discussion about the larger issue of congestion in the general vicinity of Grandin Ave. (especially from adjacent State Roads such as Veirs Mill Rd. and First St.).
- There was discussion about a speed camera on First St./MD28. Staff clarified that the City cannot post speed cameras on State-owned roads. Sergeant Rawlins explained that two cameras would be 24-hour cameras (“fixed”) and three would be moved among different “hot spot” locations.
- Residents expressed concern about potential impacts from the new traffic light at Broadwood and Veirs Mill Rd.
 - o Will this create a “spillover” of vehicles onto Broadwood and then subsequently Grandin Ave. if people don’t want to wait at the light?
 - o Concern: Will it increase speeding as people race through the Stop sign at Grandin Ave./Broadwood Dr. to beat the light?
- Residents said there are also traffic speeding and volume problems along Edmonston Dr. between Baltimore Rd. and Veirs Mill Rd.

Recommendations from Break-Out Session

- **Zone 1:**
 - o Implement a “No Right Turn 7-9 AM” sign on Baltimore Rd. at Grandin Ave., restricting vehicles heading southwest-bound on Baltimore Rd. to turn northwest-bound on Grandin Ave.
 - o Implement flashing crosswalk (like the one on Twinbrook Parkway) on S. Stonestreet Ave. at Baltimore Rd., one block off of Grandin Ave.
- **Zone 2:**
 - o Block the intersection of Grandin Ave. at First St. Removable bollards requested to allow for fire and safety vehicle access.
 - o Install a “No Thru Traffic” sign at Woodburn Rd. and Grandin Ave.
 - o Install “No Thru Traffic” or “Local Traffic Only” 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM” signs along the perpendicular streets to Grandin Ave. In particular:
 - On Clagett Dr. near Veirs Mill Rd.
 - On Edmonston Dr. near Veirs Mill Rd., Maple Ave., and Baltimore Rd.
 - On Woodburn Rd. near Veirs Mill Rd., Maple Ave., and Baltimore Rd.
 - o Install a speed hump on Grandin Ave. near Lone Oak daycare (1000 block of Grandin).
 - o City contact MCPS regarding school buses using Grandin Ave. during the afternoon hours, when buses are empty and returning to the bus depot. Request that MCPS re-route the buses off of Grandin Ave. on to Veirs Mill Rd. and/or First St. (non-neighborhood streets).

- o Install raised crosswalk on Grandin Ave. at Woodburn Rd., where there is a school bus stop.
- **Zone 3:**
 - o Address concerns about the new traffic light at Veirs Mill Rd./Broadwood Dr.
 - Implement two more Stop signs on Broadwood Dr. at Grandin Ave., to make it a 4-way stop.
 - Implement an overhead sign/warning signal that triggers a message “Stop Ahead” when the signal at Veirs Mill Rd. and Broadwood Dr. is red. The signal would be placed on Broadwood Dr. between Grandin Ave. and Marshall Ave.
 - o Implement a “Stop Ahead” sign on Grandin Ave. between either Dean Dr. and Broadwood Dr. or between Dean Dr. and Carl St. to address poor sight distance leading to the Stop sign on Grandin Ave. and Dean Dr.
 - o Implement a series of “Local Traffic Only during 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM” signs off of Veirs Mill Rd. and leading into the neighborhood:
 - on Broadwood Dr. between Veirs Mill Rd. and Baltimore Rd.
 - on Clagett Dr. between Veirs Mill Rd. and Grandin Ave.
 - o Implement a speed hump on Broadwood Dr. between Grandin Ave. and Marshall Ave.
 - o Implement a variable speed signs:
 - on Broadwood Dr. between Grandin Ave. and Marshall Ave.
 - on Grandin Ave. between Carl Rd. and the top of the hill at Clagett Dr.
 - o City contact SHA regarding signal light timing on Veirs Mill Rd.
 - o City contact MCPS regarding school buses using Grandin Ave. during the afternoon hours, when buses are empty and returning to the bus depot. Request that MCPS re-route the buses off of Grandin Ave. on to Veirs Mill Rd. and/or First St. (non-neighborhood streets).

Follow-Up Discussion

- Comment that blocking Grandin Ave. at First might be a problem for emergency vehicles.
- Comment that residents should consider aesthetic qualities of traffic calming devices. There was reference to the way that N. Horner’s looks (not in favor).
- Parked cars on Grandin get hit a lot.
- DHL delivery trucks are a big problem. Neighborhood wants to send a letter to the corporate office.